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SUBJECT: FACIO SAYS LA FOREIGN MINISTERS-KISSINGER MEETING  
IN WORKS

1. YESTERDAY (OCTOBER 8) FACIO SUMMONED ME TO HIS OFFICE AND SUMMARIZED HIS DISCUSSIONS IN NEW YORK. AS HE DESCRIBED IT, FOLLOWING PRIVATE MEETINGS BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND FOREIGN MINISTER RABASA, THE LATTER INVITED FACIO, VAZQUEZ CARRIZOSA AND CALVANI TO JOIN HIM IN FURTHER PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL (SO AS NOT AROUSE THEIR COLLEAGUES' JEALOUSIES) DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SECRETARY. OUT OF THESE GREW THE IDEA FOR A MEETING OF LA FOREIGN MINISTERS WITH THE SECRETARY ON THE BASIS OF PREVIOUSLY DRAWN UP, CONCRETE, CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSALS, AND THE INVITATION TO DIALOGUE WHICH THE SECRETARY EXTENDED IN HIS OCTOBER 5 TOAST. FACIO SAID THE "LITTLE LA GROUP" AGREED AMONG THEMSELVES THAT VAZQUEZ CARRIZOSA WOULD INVITE ALL FOREIGN MINISTERS TO BOGOTA IN EARLY NOVEMBER TO DRAW UP IDEAS FOR SUCH A MEETING. (RABASA HAD WANTED TO HOST THE MEETING BUT SAID HE COULD NOT INVITE THE CHILEAN IF IT WERE IN MEXICO; HENCE THE BOGOTA CHOICE.)  
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2. FACIO STRESSED THE LA INTENTION TO DRAW UP IDEAS AND PROPOSALS THAT ARE CONSTRUCTIVE, AND NOT CONTENTIOUS OR ACCUSATORY. HE THOUGHT ANY MEETINGS WITH THE SECRETARY SHOULD BE SECRET.

HE SAID THAT HE THOUGHT THE ROCKEFELLER REPORT MIGHT PROVIDE A BASIS FOR DISCUSSION IF UPDATED AND ADAPTED, AND HE HAD SUGGESTED THAT. FINALLY, HE SAID HE WOULD BE DRAWING UP SOME THOUGHTS AND IDEAS WHICH HE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS WITH ME IN THE DAYS TO COME. FACIO ADDED THAT IF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS' INITIATIVE TAKES ON MOMENTUM IT SHOULD BECOME THE CENTRAL POINT FOR ALL HEMISPHERE POLICY DISCUSSIONS, AND THE LIMA MEETING OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON OAS RESTRUCTURING (WHOSE DELIBERATIONS HE THINKS ARE INCREASINGLY STERILE) SHOULD BE POSTPONED.

3. FACIO SAID HE WAS SURPRISED TO SEE AP REPORTS QUOTING RABASA AS TO SUCH AN UPCOMING MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY. THAT HAVING BEEN THE CASE, APPARENTLY, FACIO HIMSELF IN HIS WEEKLY MEETING WITH LOCAL CORRESPONDENTS YESTERDAY CONFIRMED THAT A LA FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY WAS POSSIBLE FOR EARLY JANUARY. THESE REPORTS WERE PUBLISHED IN THIS MORNING'S PRESS.

4. FACIO WAS ENTHUSED OVER THE PROSPECTS FOR THIS KIND OF DIALOGUE, AND GAVE ME THE IMPRESSION THAT HIS COLLEAGUES ARE PREPARED TO MOVE FULL STEAM AHEAD TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SECRETARY'S OFFER. FACIO WAS DELIGHTED WITH HIS STAY IN NEW YORK, AND WITH HIS RECEPTION BY THE SECRETARY ABOUT WHOM HE HAD THE MOST LAUDATORY COMMENTS. (HE IS QUOTED BY THE PRESS AS DESCRIBING THE SECRETARY AS A "REALLY EXTRA-ORDINARY PERSON. I LEFT MOST FAVORABLY IMPRESSED".)

5. SINCE I TAKE FACIO'S EXPRESSED DESIRE TO DISCUSS HIS IDEAS WITH ME TO MEAN HE WANTS TO USE ME AS A SOUNDING BOARD, I WOULD APPRECIATE ANY GUIDANCE  
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WHICH YOU MAY BE ABLE TO GIVE ME AS TO OUR THINKING IN THIS REGARD. I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT FACIO IS ENTHUSED, AND GIVES THE IMPRESSION THAT THE LA FOREIGN MINISTERS (OR AT LEAST THE SMALL MEXICAN-COLOMBIAN-VENEZUELAN-COSTA RICAN GROUP) ARE RUNNING WITH THE BALL AND EXPECT A FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING TO EVENTUATE SOONER OR LATER.  
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